

Dear Representatives,

I regret that the proponents for HB465 were not allowed a better opportunity to rebut the opponents' scare tactic propaganda. Before voting on HB465 please visit the following links (links are underlined) to the website of the

"Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Inc.
A Voice for Private Physicians Since 1943"

This large group of doctors went on record with a UNANIMOUS VOTE to adopt their "RESOLUTION AGAINST MANDATORY CHILDHOOD VACCINES" in the year 2000. Next I would like to direct you to their FACT SHEET ON MANDATORY VACCINES. To read about their professional opinion of the chicken pox vaccine please Click here. Their homepage is <http://www.aapsonline.org/>

As you can clearly see there are many doctors out there who do not support mandatory vaccination. They acknowledge the many dangers as well as the inefficacy of many of these vaccines stating that they have "limited benefits". They go so far as to say "Forcing millions to receive this vaccine, at substantial expense, would constitute an experiment on the public."

Parents who have spent 1000s of hours of research on vaccinations do not take the decision not to vaccinate lightly. We did not get paid to show up at your hearing unlike the opponents to this bill. This was clearly demonstrated when many of the opponents left at 5:00...and even though the weather was bad and some of the proponents still had to drive across the state to get home we all stayed! No one loves our children like we do, therefore who besides us has the right to decide whether or not to inflict uncertain and admittedly dangerous medical treatments on them?

God blessed my husband and I with our child and entrusts the care and protection of this precious life to us. We take these responsibilities seriously. The decisions we make regarding our child's health are between my husband, myself and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Government has no right to interfere in these personal decisions. We are greatly offended that our tax dollars are spent subsidizing daycares to which our child is forbidden to attend because of our religious convictions.

Again, I urge you to vote in favor of adopting HB465. Thank you for your time and consideration of these matter.

Sincerely,
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February 13, 2007

To: The Honorable Representatives of the House Education Committee

Dear Representatives;

Reference: Addendum #2 to Rebuttal of testimony given by opponents of HB 465, at public meeting on Friday, February 9th.

Subject: Recognized authority on developing immunity without either vaccination or illness.

I have given explanations and statistics on the high degrees of natural immunity in the unvaccinated.

It occurs to me that to support legal decisions you need statements from a highly recognized authority on vaccination and immunity.

The following quotes are by Dr. Paul Offit, whose biography is at the page bottom. Briefly Dr. Offit is recognized by the U.S. government, helped make U.S. vaccination policy for a time, has advised Merck Pharmaceuticals, and authorized pro-vaccine text books. His explanations are somewhat different than mine, in that he says exposure to disease without developing symptoms is a **development** of one type of natural immunity versus my explanation that this action represents a exhibition of **preexisting** immunity. However his statements clearly support the observation that unvaccinated children experience exposure to disease and can do so without any symptoms. As might be expected of someone in his position, Dr. Offit does not recommend this approach to immunity.

Quotes (in italics) from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Offits web site:

* ***Natural immunity** is created by the body's natural barriers, such as the skin, protective substances in the mouth, the urinary tract and on the eye surface. Another type of natural immunity is in the form of antibodies passed on from mother to child. [1]*

[Below, Dr Offit compares two children developing natural immunity, one by immunity following sickness (Chip) and the other (Dale) by exhibiting no symptoms.]

*Dale also plays with the child who had measles. However, Dale **never develops symptoms** of measles. He doesn't get fever, rash or pneumonia. Dale was infected with measles virus, but didn't get any of the symptoms of measles. This is called an "asymptomatic infection." Because Dale, like Chip, also develops "memory B cells," **he too is immune to measles for the rest of his life.** [2]*

[Dr. Offit admits that babies have an ability to handle immune system challenges far stronger than routine vaccine challenges.]

"Children have an enormous capacity to respond safely to challenges to the immune system from vaccines," says Dr. Offit. "A baby's body is bombarded with immunologic challenges - from bacteria in food to the dust they breathe. Compared to what they typically encounter and manage during the day, vaccines are literally a drop in the ocean." In fact, Dr. Offit's studies show that in theory, healthy infants could safely get up to 100,000 vaccines at once.

[100,000 may refer to antigens not vaccines. Given this natural 'enormous capacity', is it any wonder that many children do not need additional immunization?] [3]

Please see Dr. Offit's extensive biography and references below. The quotes above show that the existence of natural immunity is recognized by a leading pro-vaccine government policy maker and vaccine patent holder and provides a basis for the judgment that unvaccinated children have sufficient degrees of immunity and thus are safe to enroll in day care.

Once again, I urge you to vote Yes on HB 465.

Thanking you for your time and attention to this matter. Please make this email a part of the public record regarding HB 465.

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Dr. Paul Offit's Biography:

*The Vaccine Education Center director: Paul A. Offit, MD,
is a pediatrician specializing in infectious disease medicine,
an internationally known expert on vaccines, immunology, and virology,
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*Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania,
Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases,
and the Director of the Vaccine Education Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.*

*Dr. Offit has been a member of the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices [ACIP].
[ACIP is the committee that makes recommendations for vaccines to be put on the children's schedule in the USA.]*

He is also an author and a consultant to pharmaceutical giant Merck, with whom he shares a rotavirus vaccine patent (number 353547).

Dr. Offit has published more than 120 papers in medical and scientific journals in the areas of rotavirus-specific immune responses and vaccine safety and is the co-inventor of a rotavirus vaccine recently recommended for universal use in infants by the CDC.

Offit is the co-author of three books, entitled
*Vaccines: What You Should Know (2003),
Breaking the Antibiotic Habit (1999),
and The Cutter Incident: How America's First Polio Vaccine Led to Today's Growing Vaccine Crisis (2005).* [4]

References:

- [1] http://www.chop.edu/consumer/your_child/condition_section_index.jsp?id=-8238
- [2] <http://www.chop.edu/consumer/jsp/division/generic.jsp?id=75748>
- [3] <http://www.chop.edu/consumer/jsp/division/generic.jsp?id=81553>
- [4] Dr. Offit's biography was taken from: <http://www.chop.edu/consumer/jsp/division/generic.jsp?id=75689>

Note: chop.edu is the web site of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. See above for Dr. Offit's work in this Hospital.

Chairman Rick Jore and members of the committee...

I write to you with my concerns over the direction of the hearing of this bill on Friday Feb. 9 and with some further explanations.

First off, my testimony was based on the underlying issue of this bill. The underlying issue is our federal and state constitutional right to our own religious freedoms and that any law enforced by the state must, without doubt, be an extension of the constitution. A law which denies a child entry into a daycare based on religious convictions is clearly not supported by our constitution. This is non-negotiable; undeniable; it is NOT opinion. Citizens of the state of Montana entrust our elected representatives to uphold our constitutional rights through the writing and passage of laws. If this does not happen, if our representatives allow their own personal convictions to get in the way of enforcing the constitution, then our government is not one made by the people, for the people. It is imperative that these facts not be ignored!! The argument that allowing unvaccinated children into daycares jeopardizes the "common good" as the public health community likes to call it, simply holds no ground, as evidenced in prior cases, and is exactly why 48 states have already adopted laws allowing daycare to accept religious exemptions. Besides, "common good" is very ambiguous. It is the belief of many, and is supported by scientific fact, that unvaccinated children are clearly at just as high of a risk, and many times at a higher risk, of contracting an infectious disease from a vaccinated child as a vaccinated child is of contracting an infectious disease from an unvaccinated child. So, there is clearly an argument that NOT vaccinating if for the so called "common good".

Since it became obvious to me that the opponents to this bill do not wish to stick to the specific intent of the bill, but would rather throw out what they claim to be specifics of vaccinations and immunizations (the CDC admits the two terms are NOT synonymous), then I am left with no choice other than to defend myself and the proponents of this bill with scientific facts, which indisputably challenge the argument of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

The opponents to HB465 argue that 95% of parents CHOOSE to vaccinate their children? Where did this number come from? Vaccinations are not a choice, but rather a mandate. And, if you are not in a financial position to be able to fight the state or have other limiting factors, then the only option is to vaccinate against your will. Arguably, of the 95% that so call chooses to vaccinate, there is a portion, that in fact do not choose, but are forced into vaccination. I personally heard through another party that a single mother in the state of Montana CHOSE not to vaccinate her child and because so was denied daycare (which her tax dollars support) and so against her will vaccinated because for a reason unknown to me did not acquire a medical exemption. This is clearly wrong!!

The opponents also argued that a baby's immune system is fully developed, and that it is just inexperienced (I am not sure if that was the exact term used). What they failed to mention, it that there is overwhelming evidence and a strong belief that the immune system is not fully developed until the age of two!!

The opponents also say that prophylactic medication is given to children who have been in contact with a child who has an infectious disease. Are they giving this medication to only the students who have not been vaccinated (supposedly there are none of these in our daycares) or are they given to all the children including those who have had some and/or **all** of the vaccinations? Is this admittance on their part that vaccinations are not effective?

The opponents argue that unvaccinated children should not be allowed in daycares because they are a threat to those that are immunized, but specifically they say unvaccinated children are a threat to babies because babies haven't had a full round of shots. Well, if my unvaccinated child contracted the disease (from who I don't know because if everyone is vaccinated, then no one should have the disease, right?) from someone outside the daycare, then isn't it reasonable to believe that that baby could contract the disease in that same manner? DHHS would probably argue that by not allowing my child into the daycare then the risk would be lowered to the other baby whom has not received a full round of shots. Well, in Montana, preschools are all licensed as daycares and my child is only in the so called daycare for 8 hrs a week. That is not much exposure. Besides, in preschools, there are no babies!!! So, their entire argument holds no water.

The opponents also suggest that perhaps unvaccinated children should be going to unlicensed daycares? Do they hear what they are saying? Are they saying that my child should go to an illegal daycare scenario? They also say that perhaps unvaccinated children should be taken care of by family members. What if there are no family members that

can? They told the committee that a baby is fully protected by the time it is 6 mo. Old. Yet they are requesting that my child cannot enter a daycare with a religious exemption, meaning that my child cannot use a religious exemption until attending public school at the age of five. There is absolutely no logic in this.

Those opponents that testified at the hearing were mostly paid state employees. Some of them even stepped outside of the room when they were done testifying as if they had no personal interest in the bill, only doing what they were being paid to do. I challenge each of them to spend some time researching the vaccination issue on their own and not just preach about what they have been told about for years, but rather learn for themselves and form their own opinions based on their own research and education of the issue. I challenge them to be objective and to not just read and listen to what THEY want to listen too, but all of the facts.

The opponents **failed to mention** that in Montana, from 1991-2005 there were 17 deaths from vaccinations!! For the aforementioned years, there are 836 records in the VAERS (vaccine adverse effect reporting system). This is an average of 55.73 per year. Of the 836 reports 351 were taken to the ER and 60 hospitalized. This too CANNOT be ignored!! On a national level, there were 12,383 records in 2005. It is estimated that only 1% to 10% of the cases are reported!!

There is overwhelming scientific data that contradicts the claim of DHHS that vaccines are safe and effective and that unvaccinated kids are a threat. This CANNOT be ignored. I will share with you some of this data. The following information comes from Dr. Sherri Tenpenny. Her video is called "Vaccines, What CDC Documents and Science Reveal". She has conducted 4000 hours of research into this matter. She found that the CDC documents a lot of information that is not shared with doctors and the general public about real concerns with vaccines. She explains that the cornerstone of creating public health policy is

- 1) vaccines are safe,
- 2) vaccines are effective and the effects are long lasting.
- 3) Benefits include the decline of infectious diseases and
- 4) vaccines are the only way to prevent epidemics of those dangerous diseases.

Let's take a look at number one. Dr. Tenpenny says that safety studies are the corner stone used by everyone to say vaccines are safe. She says that a true safety study would compare a new vaccine to an inert substance. According to her, currently safety studies of vaccines compare new vaccines to a second vaccine with a known safety profile. She has found that family doctors are not aware of this and when they find out they are pretty shocked. This is not the way safety studies are done for other drugs. The other thing that happens is that safety studies only include healthy children but they approve the vaccine to be used in all children. The CDC openly says that safety studies are not done on a large enough scale to determine all possible side effects. A safety study was done on 882 healthy infants. Two percent had events that met the defining criteria of a serious adverse experience. The doctor uses the words "stroke of a pen". With the stroke of a pen, the CDC decided none of the adverse effects were from vaccines. This happens repeatedly. With the stroke of a pen, the CDC can knock out what they don't want to apply. The conclusion about safety. 1) When you start with a flawed premise, you cannot have a valid conclusion, and 2) Therefore vaccines have not been "proven to be safe."

Now let's look at the second cornerstone of creating public policy; vaccines are effective and the effects are long lasting.

The CDC says in reference to the chicken pox vaccine "the relative contribution of immune response to chickenpox is unknown!" In reference to pertussis. The findings of efficacy studies have not demonstrated a direct correlation between antibody response and protection against pertussis disease. In reference to HIB. The antibody contribution to clinical protection is unknown. The doctor concludes that vaccines have not been proven to be clinically effective

The third cornerstone is that vaccinations contributed to the decline of infectious diseases. The doctor says "polio was on its way out before the vaccine came into play." She supports this with her findings of polio cases reported in the U.S. She also found that eight years before the measles vaccine was mandated there were only three in 10,000,000 people that died from getting measles. Yet the reason why the CDC and public health people say we need the vaccine is because if we get the measles we will die. The conclusion is that the CDC states the benefits of vaccines in the decline of infectious diseases, but the truth is that infectious diseases had declined before vaccines were used.

Dr. Sherri Tenpenny says that what the CDC says are personal benefits to vaccination are really myths.

Medical myth #1 is that vaccines offer protection from illnesses.

At least six mandatory vaccines list ear infections as a side effect. Children receive vaccines at two, four and six months of age. By eight months, 10 months and 12 months they start getting ear infections which doctors treat with antibiotics.

The antibiotics tears up their guts which decreases the immune system so when they get their MMR shot (which is known to cause gut disruptions) at 1 year of age, they've already had their gut trashed by all the antibiotics taken for ear infections which were caused by the vaccine in the first place. Pertusis continues to occur in all age groups in spite of the fact that we have an 88% vaccination rate for pertusis in the U.S. In a three year time frame there were 62 reported deaths from pertusis (mostly in Hispanic communities). In 2000, 17 reported deaths from pertusis. When you add this together that is 79 deaths in four years. In 1998, 57 deaths were reported to VAERS. It is estimated that up to only 10% of reactions are reported. This means that there could have been as many as 570 severe reactions if they had all been reported. So, there were 79 reported deaths in a four year period of time from pertusis infection and there was 57 deaths reported from the vaccine and, as mentioned, only up to 10% of injuries or deaths are reported to VAERS. Take a look at that risk benefit ratio!!!

The flu vaccine only prevents flu specifically caused by viruses that come from the influenza family. Therefore, many persons vaccinated with the flu vaccine still get 4-6 episodes of influenza like illness during the flu season, because a majority of "influenza like illnesses" are not caused by an influenza virus but other viruses. So, WHAT IS THE POINT!!!!

The conclusions. 1) Pertusis antibodies do not provide protection from pertusis. 2) The risk from the pertusis vaccine appears to be greater than the risk of the infection. 3) The flu shot really doesn't protect you from getting the flu.

Medical Myth #2 is that vaccines improve the quality of life.

Take first of all the Hepatitis B vaccine. Dr. Sherri Tenpenny feels that this is the most "neurotoxic", most "detrimental" vaccine they've come up with yet. There are at least 10 major autoimmune disease side effects. The CDC says that any presumed risk of adverse events possibly associated with this vaccine must be balanced against the expected risk of acute and chronic liver disease, which an analysis of their own numbers reveals there is a very slight risk of this anyway. So why do we need the vaccine? My understanding of what the doctor was saying is that the CDC bases the presumed need for the vaccine in the U.S. based on studies done in 3rd world countries.

Let's talk about the chicken pox vaccine. The basic side effect is that we are going to end up with a whole bunch of adults that have never had chicken pox. The number of adults hospitalized by adult chicken pox is 10-20 times greater than the number of children hospitalized from the disease. We've known forever there is higher risks associated with adult chicken pox than with the childhood disease. The risk of severe or fatal chicken pox increases from 7 in 1,000,000 to 25 in 100,000 if you get the disease as an adult. The doctor says that many parents want the kids to get the vaccine so they don't have to miss a week of work because their child is home sick! How sad! For those of us who had chicken pox as kids, we need to keep being exposed to it to keep our immunity. If our kids don't get it we don't get exposed. So, our natural immunity to chicken pox is diminishing. Therefore, they are predicting outbreaks of shingles in our population in the next 10 years. They are reacting to that problem by creating more vaccines. They are creating vaccines to solve problems that vaccines are causing. Wow!! Let's take a guess at who is profiting from that!! Wouldn't it just be easier to let our kids get chicken pox?

Medical Myth #3 is that vaccines play a role in the prevention of death.

Actually, they contribute to some deaths. In 1982 there was a study of 103 SIDS deaths. Sixty-six percent had the DPT three weeks prior to death. For a long time now, vaccines have been suspected to play a large role in SIDS deaths. In fact, I found one source that says that the United States has one of the worst infant mortality rates among developed countries. In fact, the rate at which babies die in the first year of life has consistently increased since the 1950's when mass immunization campaigns were initiated. Today, infant mortality rates in some U.S. cities match those in developing countries.

Medical Myth #4 is that vaccines provide herd immunity.

When there is an outbreak of a disease, it is always blamed on the fact that everyone is not vaccinated. It seems to never be because the vaccine didn't work.

To recap, the fallacies of public health policy are 1) No proof that vaccines are really safe. 2) It has been shown repeatedly that they may not be clinically effective. 3) Infectious diseases declined mostly before the implementation of vaccines

In conclusion of what Dr. Sherri Tenpenny says

- 1) Vaccines have not been proven to be really safe
- 2) Vaccines may produce antibodies, but the antibodies have not been proven to be clinically effective for disease prevention in large segments of the population
- 3) Vaccines don't necessarily prevent outbreaks
- 4) Herd immunity and mass vaccination don't really accomplish the same thing
- 5) Vaccines do not necessarily improve the quality of life
- 6) Vaccines can lead to long term health problems, including death
- 7) The greatest risk of the hepatitis B vaccine is from the vaccine, not from Hepatitis B itself
- 8) The most serious concerns surrounding vaccines is the vaccine viral contamination issue. (I never touched on this, but please note that vaccines contain many toxins)

The opponents failed to mention this. They failed to mention that sources say that the death rate for unvaccinated children is about half that of the vaccinated children, that vaccinated children are up to 14 times more likely to have asthma than the unvaccinated and up to nine times more likely to have skin problems. They failed to mention that vaccinations can cause disease and can be linked to chronic illness, including the developmental, learning and behavioral disorders epidemic in our children. I urge every parent, teacher, health official, government worker etc. to educate themselves and not just take for granted that everything you are being told is in your best interest. I was personally insulted by the testimony given by the opponents. I am appalled and mortified that so many are willing to be just a sheep in the herd. This is a very serious matter and it is imperative that it be taken seriously by everyone.

Again, I didn't think that it was necessary to go into all of this since this bill is really about constitutional rights and not whether vaccines are good or bad. But the proponents of this bill feel it necessary to speak up against the propaganda provided by the opponents. I ask that this letter please be submitted as public record.

I beg you, please pass HB465.

Thank you for your time,

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Elected Representatives on the Board of Education

I am writing this letter concerning HB465. I feel it is my obligation as a mother to reduce the potential contributing factors of autism, adhd and other neurological dis-functions my daughter may be exposed to. This is an all encompassing decision that goes far beyond vaccinations. As vaccination is the issue at hand I offer the following reasons to vote in favor of this bill.

1. **The Constitutional rights of both the parents and the child.** The first amendment upholds our right to religious freedom. The 14th amendment upholds the right of both parent and child to be entitled to equal rights. These rights are denied when a child is kept from receiving the social and educational advantages that a daycare situation may offer when the parents have chosen to exercise their first amendment right. Furthermore the family unit is forced to undergo undue hardship as their child or children are unable to attend daycare. As taxpayers and productive members of Montanan society it is unacceptable discrimination that the children of these individuals not be given the same opportunity as vaccinated children in this state.

2. **Lack of evidence.** Pharmaceutical companies are not obligated to release to the American public the full findings of their initial testing or subsequent testing on new or existing vaccinations. It is not possible to refute their findings as no other tests are conducted. In addition, there is no sufficient data to show a link between poor health and lack of vaccination.

3. **Autism.** There is ample evidence pointing to the rise of autism, the rise of attention deficit disorders and the rise of other neurological disorders.

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/2207/r070208.htm>

Although many agencies dispute the correlation between vaccinations and the rise there is not evidence to prove contrary.

4. **Heavy Metals/ Vaccine Ingredients** The majority of vaccinations contain some form of aluminum as well as trace amounts of mercury, other heavy metals, and high risk allergens (latex, eggs, antibiotics, msg)

A list of ingredients found in vaccinations may be found at the following web sites:

www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/components/additives.htm

<http://users.adelphia.net/~cdc/MSDSwithVaxInsertInfo.pdf>

I offer the following sites to explain the very real threat of heavy metal buildup leading to toxicity, especially in small children.

<http://www.autismtoday.com/articles/heavymetals.html>

<http://www.incrediblehorizons.com/toxicity%20&20Autistic-Symptoms.chelating.htm>

Although the vaccinations may not be the only source of exposure they are certainly a contributing factor. We as parents do not only have the right, we have the obligation to make the most informed decisions we are allowed in order to ensure the quality of our children's health. This includes potential long term or cumulative affects of decisions made in the present.

I leave you with the following concerning the smallpox vaccination -

"Smallpox vaccine has risks and getting vaccinated is not a choice to be made lightly - but in America, it should certainly be a choice," said Barry Steinhardt, Director of the ACLU's Technology and Liberty Project. "Inoculation is chancy - a significant percentage of those vaccinated against smallpox will become ill and some will even die. By making the plan voluntary, the President has done the right thing for both individual liberty and public health." ACLU 12/13/2002 <http://www.aclu.org>

Please vote in favor of this bill, not only for our children but also to protect our constitutional rights as citizens!

Thank you for your time,

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I was unable to attend the Education Committee meeting on Friday, February 9, due to a family emergency, but wish to express my opinion to you in regard to HB465 to revise medical and religious exemptions for vaccination. Based on what others who were able to attend the meeting have told me, it sounds as though the Department of Human Health Services made some false statements that I would like to correct. First, people who have not had vaccinations do, in fact, have a certain amount of immunity to various pathogens, and they possess a natural capability to develop immunities to pathogens. Secondly, simply because people have had a vaccination does not mean that they are necessarily immune to a particular pathogen. (I, myself, received all the prescribed vaccinations, but have discovered that I do not have full immunity to Rubella, for example.) Thirdly, although vaccinations have helped to decrease the occurrence of many illnesses in the US and worldwide, improved sanitation, nutrition and education have also been instrumental in controlling the spread of disease. Finally, citizens of the state of Montana enjoy a certain level of freedom from government interference on personal decisions. This freedom encompasses the right of individuals to make health care choices for themselves and their children without being denied educational and day care opportunities as a result. This sentiment is codified in MCA 50-4-104, the state health care policy, which states that "individuals should be encouraged to play a significant role in determining their health and appropriate use of the health care system." I do not believe that any Montana would support preventative health care such as proper diet, not smoking, exercise, etc... being required, even though these practices are proven to result in increased health, as much, if not more than a vaccination regiment. Thank you for taking Montanans' freedom from governmental interference in individual rights in to consideration when deciding to pass HB465.

Thank you.

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Dear Representatives,

I was in the audience on Friday, Feb 9th and unfortunately did not have the opportunity to speak.

I am a RN of 23 years, and mother of 3 boys-ages 9-20. I made the extremely difficult decision of NOT to vaccinate almost 20 years ago. Upon graduating from nursing school in 1984, I whole heartedly believed vaccinations were a wonderful medical accomplishment. My first nursing job was at a large Seattle hospital. I could not believe the number of SICK kids coming in with chronic problems such as allergies, severe colds, flus, ear tubes, tonsillectomies, pneumonia, constipation, etc. I started to question not only vaccinations, but many conventional medical philosophies (medications).

My first son was born in 1986. He had his first round of shots. Then the second-- a subsequent very high fever lasted longer than 10 days, I called the pediatrician's office several times while they always assured me this was normal, "just keep giving him Tylenol as instructed." He did recover, but he was not the same. I didn't realize that at the time, only later. I started researching...hours, days, months. I sought out 3 pediatricians and interviewed them in person. The turning point for me was my last interview with a pediatrician who told me "off the record" that he would **NEVER** vaccinate his own children. I started down a new path, spending every spare minute studying vaccinations-- both sides, as well as natural health, holistic nutrition, disease prevention, etc.

I have not stopped....now, 20 years later, I continue to research this wonderful field of medicine (natural health-holistic nutrition). I know there are many a "natural health advocate" that support this less than popular field merely because they like the controversy....to be different. I am NOT of those. I would much prefer the comfort of believing what most people believe. However, I do not consider that an option! (once you *know* you cannot turn back!) The information is out there, just difficult to find. I assure you, that if you took the time to research the subject of vaccinations, with an open mind, you would almost assuredly realize that the entire theory is BOGUS. It did not, and will not, eradicate disease! It does not *protect* our children! I wish that was the only crime but it gets worse. Vaccinations cause untold DISEASE. It's an unbelievable travesty. And many of the 95% of parents that stand in line to get their children vaccinated have not received a TRUE Informed Consent! They've been brainwashed with very effective FEAR tactics.

To date my 3 children have hardly been sick a day in their lives! Amazingly, they attended day care (with a religious exemption), surrounded by sick kids every day and *they* did not get sick! There was always several kids taking antibiotics and other medications. These were

the vaccinated kids. Over these 20 years I have run into other parents that decided not to vaccinate and also report that their kids are very rarely sick.

The pro-con discussion of vaccination could go on. I have much, much more to say about the subject. But, this bill is about allowing a religious exemption at daycares. I lived in Washington and Oregon when my children were daycare age. As a working parent, in need of good, reliable daycare, I cannot even fathom not being able to take my HEALTHY, unvaccinated child to the daycare of my choice! I consider the vaccinated child to be more of a threat of disease than the unvaccinated.

I urge you to vote in favor of adopting HB465. Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important matter.

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